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- Specification, Claims and Abstract
- Six (6) sheets of drawings
- An Assignment of the Invention to Victor Company of Japan, Ltd.
- A Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application
- A Nonpublication Request Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.213
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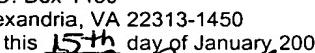
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Enclosed are the following documents:

Specification, Claims and Abstract (27 pages)

Drawings (6 sheets)

Form PTO-1082 (in duplicate)

Declaration and Power of Attorney

Check in the Amount of \$1028.00

Form PTO-1595

Assignment

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